

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Birk et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/562,954)	
Filing Date: December 30, 2005)	Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING)	Confirmation No.: 8688
SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE)	Customer No.: 51957

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Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the September 30, 2009 office action as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper (Replacement Sheets and Annotated Sheets Showing those changes made are attached hereto.)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Listing of the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.